GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TRIBAL SUB-PLAN
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started the discussion and consultation with the all concerned Central Ministries and Departments to formulate and prepare separate tribal sub-plans in their Ministries and allocate the funds for the same;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministries/Departments had earmarked the funds for tribal sub-plans and issued guidelines to the States to utilize the funds and intimate the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for monitoring as nodal Ministry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) to (d) As a nodal Ministry for overall policy, planning and coordination of programmes for the development of the Scheduled Tribes, the Ministry has played the role of advocacy at available forums to reiterate the need to earmark 8% of Plan Budget provision of the Central Ministries/Departments and in proportion to Scheduled Tribe population in the respective States as per guidelines of the Planning Commission for Tribal Sub Plan approach. Accordingly, the Ministries/Deptt. have been requested to earmark separate budget provision. In response, most of the Ministries/Deptt. have indicated indivisibility of the budget provision of their Ministries/Deptts. The issue has been taken up with the Planning Commission to take decision on this to direct the Ministries Deptts. to earmark 8% of their Plan Budgets on a mandatory basis.